

Languages

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kind of pushes out the time for additional programs," Griffiths said. So if the district was going to offer it, the language instruction would have to be outside of regular class time.

A fall 2003 survey to gauge parent's interest came back positive. In the academy's first year it has 108 students from grades one to four enrolled.

The Spanish class has the largest enrollment. On a recent Wednesday, co-teachers Joan Rakowski, Joseph Nice and volunteers from the high school's foreign language club, worked with a large group of Spanish students.

In this class, students are not seated doing paper and pencil work, but instead much of the time they move freely about the room singing native songs and playing games to identify colors and animals. There is no shortage of volunteers raising their hands to answer questions.

When students do something well they are often rewarded with small toys. On this day, sunglasses are the reward of choice for many.

Fike believes Americans are short changing themselves by not learning more foreign languages. "Students in other countries are learning ours,

but we're not learning theirs." She thinks high school graduates who have a background in other languages are better able to compete in the increasingly global economy.

"I had a lady who graduated last year who spoke two Chinese dialects — when she gets out into the world she'll be able to write her own ticket," she said.

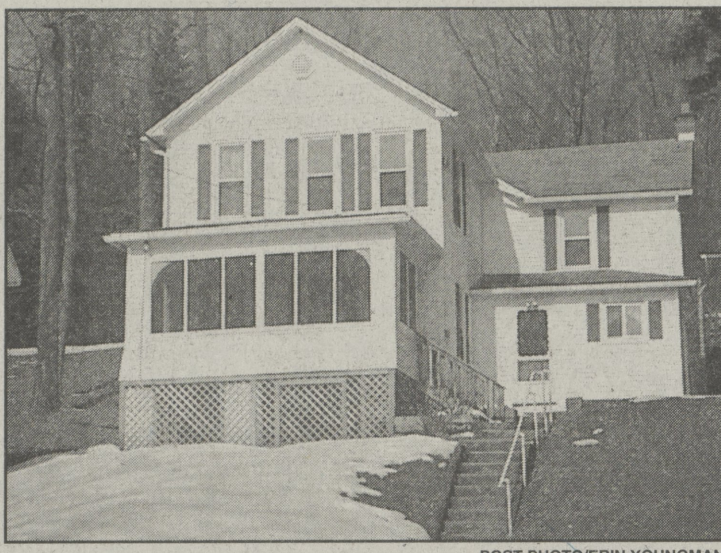
The plan is to expand the size of the academy, adding more languages and more staff. Just to keep up with the amount of interest already generated, Fike will have to add teachers for next year. She has begun looking for Chinese and sign language teachers.

"This area is such a melting pot, there are native speakers whose energies go unnoticed and certainly untapped," she said.

The number of weeks will also be extended. This year the courses began in January, next year they will begin in September and run till April.

Another Dallas High School teacher, Kathy Wega, offered her impressions of the program.

"When you see one room speaking Arabic and the next Hebrew, it makes you think, 'That's the way it's supposed to be.'"



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Prudential realtor Bob Cook says small waterfront cottages like this one — currently listed at \$237,000 — are being torn down and new larger homes are being built in their place.

Cottages

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at the lake, you're going to pay for it," he said.

Cook, who has lived in the borough his whole life, said he sees its character changing.

He points to the massive residential development planned at the former Hanson's Amusement Park and the Marina Commons townhouse project going in behind Grotto Pizza. In his opinion,

things are changing for the better. Property values have continued to rise and his own business is doing well.

The only dramatic downside he's noticed is the increased build-up over the water.

"There's a lot more congestion, a lot more boathouses — you used to be able to take a ride and see the lake."

Road crew commended

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — The township's road crew received kudos from Orchard View Terrace resident Gilbert Griffiths at Tuesday's meeting.

Griffiths, also the superintendent of the Dallas School District, said he has lived in Orchard View for the past seven years and the road crew has always done a great job in keeping the streets clear of snow and that he has never had a problem getting to work or bringing his wife to work

downtown.

As the superintendent, he said, he makes decisions on delays, early dismissals and closings based on how well the road crews are clearing the roads.

"I don't think they get enough compliments because they usually get all the complaints about the roads not being done. I thought it would be appropriate to come here at the end of the season and give them a compliment for all the hard work and the hours that they put in and for all that they do for us."

No permit granted yet

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

DALLAS TWP. — PennDOT has asked for further revisions to developer J. Naparlo's Highway Occupancy permit application.

Naparlo who is looking to develop a 48-acre property at the intersection of State routes 415 and 118 cannot begin any construction in the area until the permit is granted.

PennDOT sent the application back to Naparlo for more revisions on February 26. Once the application is approved, the permit is generally issued within a week.

Naparlo said last week he is still unsure of his plans for the area, including when he will begin construction. He has said in the past, however, that he would build a "big box" on the property.

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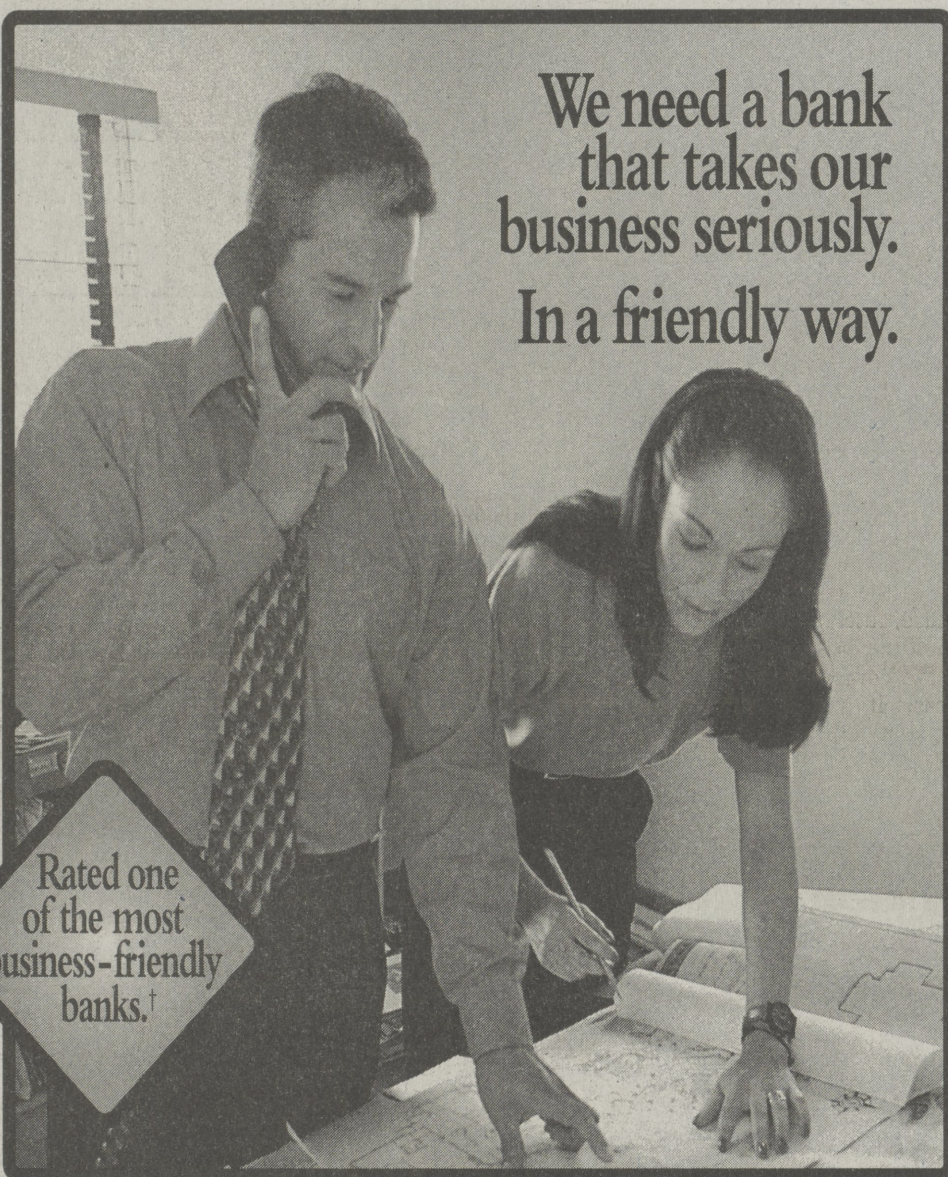
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by Dr. David J. Madeira



"Pregnancy And Painkillers"

I have used this column numerous times to warn of the dangers of commonly used painkillers. I'm going to do it again because what you don't know may kill your unborn child.

In a prospective cohort study of 1055 pregnant women in the Kaiser Permanente population of northern California, researchers found that the use of NSAIDs or aspirin around the time of conception or during pregnancy increased the risk of miscarriage by 80%.

53 women (5%) reported prenatal NSAID use around conception or during pregnancy. After adjustment for potential confounders, prenatal NSAID use was associated with an 80% increased risk of miscarriage. The association was stronger if the initial NSAID use was around the time of conception or if NSAID use lasted more than a week. Prenatal aspirin use was similarly associated with an increased risk of miscarriage.

All drugs have side effects, but these "over the counter" drugs are particularly dangerous because they are viewed as "safe." But you don't have to suffer to protect your baby. For over 100 years, Chiropractic has safely provided significant pain relief to pregnant mothers without the use of dangerous drugs. If you have pain and would like to avoid the dangers of drugs, call our office for an appointment and let the relief begin.

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